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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 24, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 24, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained remarks together with the Terminal Disclaimer attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this Amendment.